

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1326

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for medicaid coverage of all certified nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 1997

Mr. DASCHLE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ALL CERTIFIED**
4 **NURSE PRACTITIONER AND CLINICAL NURSE**
5 **SPECIALIST SERVICES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(21) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(21)) is amended to read
8 as follows:

1 “(21) services furnished by a certified nurse
 2 practitioner (as defined by the Secretary) or clinical
 3 nurse specialist (as defined in subsection (v)) which
 4 the certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse spe-
 5 cialist is legally authorized to perform under State
 6 law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by
 7 State law), whether or not the certified nurse practi-
 8 tioner or clinical nurse specialist is under the super-
 9 vision of, or associated with, a physician or other
 10 health care provider;”.

11 (b) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST DEFINED.—Sec-
 12 tion 1905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended by
 13 adding at the end the following new subsection:

14 “(v) The term ‘clinical nurse specialist’ means an in-
 15 dividual who—

16 “(1) is a registered nurse and is licensed to
 17 practice nursing in the State in which the clinical
 18 nurse specialist services are performed; and

19 “(2) holds a master’s degree in a defined area
 20 of clinical nursing from an accredited educational in-
 21 stitution.”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 23 this section shall become effective with respect to pay-

1 ments for calendar quarters beginning on or after January
2 1, 1998.

